



BLACK MOUNTAIN Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 17, 2021



PRELUDE

Voluntary in D, I

John Alcock

Michael Barker, *organ*

WELCOME

Mary Katherine Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP

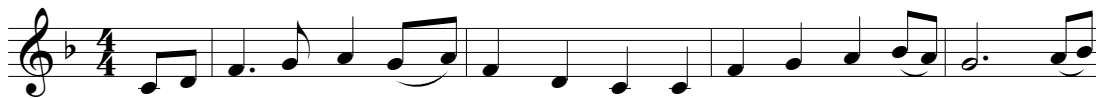
David Carter Florence

Into this world we are born,
into the beauty and sorrow of everyday life.
Into this day we awake,
into possibility and the unknown.
Into this church we are welcomed,
into God's grace and each other's truth.
Into the world we are called
to spread God's good news!
So, let us worship our God this day,
we who are called and loved.

HYMN

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS



Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe-ly_ live, a_
Let us build a house where hands will reach be-yond the wood and stone to



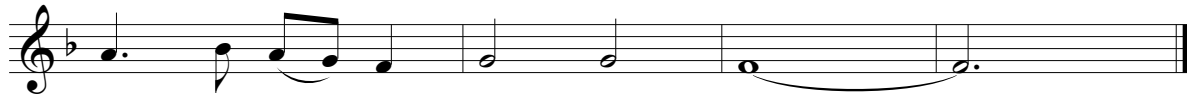
place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of
heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the



hopes and deams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
out - cast and the strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions: All are wel - come, all are wel - come,
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:



all are wel - come in this place. _____

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, hear our prayer:

for the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;
for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;
for the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;
for the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;
we pray for the courage to admit our fault,
the strength to amend our actions,
and the hope that your grace awaits us.

Through Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ: we are forgiven!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Take, O Take Me as I Am

TAKE O TAKE ME



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

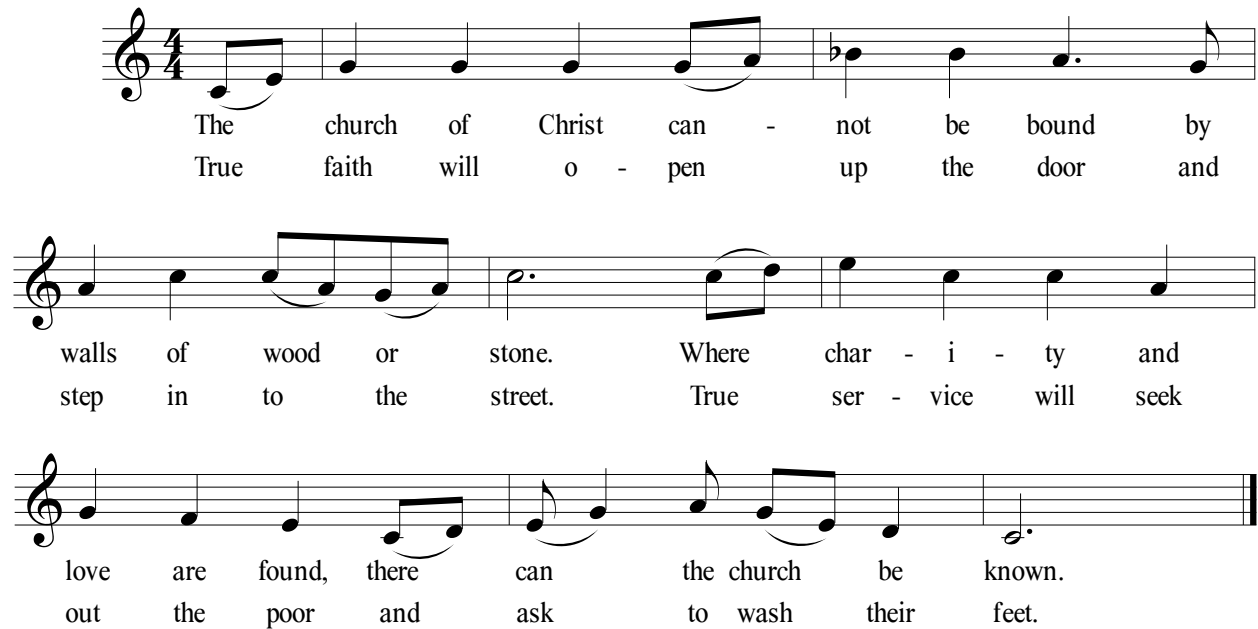
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:13-30

SERMON

The Messiah Puzzle: Individuation



The church of Christ can - not be bound by
True faith will o - pen up the door and
walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
step in to the street. True ser - vice will seek
love are found, there can the church be known.
out the poor and ask to wash their feet.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*A Brief Statement of Faith*

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *two prayers of Martin Luther King Jr. woven together...*

God, we thank you for the inspiration of Jesus.
Grant that we will love you with all our hearts, souls, and minds,
and love our neighbors as we love ourselves, even our enemy neighbors.
And we ask you, God, in these days of emotional tension,
when the problems of the world are gigantic in extent and chaotic in detail,
to be with us in our going out and our coming in,
in our rising up and in our lying down,
in our moments of joy and in our moments of sorrow....
We thank you for your church, Holy God, founded upon your Word,
that challenges us to do more than sing and pray,
but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers
depended on us and not upon you.
Help us to realize that humanity was created to shine like the stars
and live on through all eternity.

Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace.
Help us to walk together, pray together, sing together,
and live together until that day when all God's children –
Black, White, Red, Brown, and Yellow –
will rejoice in one common band of humanity
in the reign of our Lord and of our God, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

If I Can Help Somebody

Alma Androzso

A favorite song of Martin Luther King, Jr.

*If I can help somebody as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or song,
if I can show somebody he is traveling wrong, then my living shall not be in vain.
If I can do my duty as a Christian ought, if I can bring back beauty to a world upwrought,
if I can spread love's message that the Master taught, then my living shall not be in vain.*

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in D, II

John Alcock



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Members: share prayer requests, pastoral concerns, or updated contact information.

We look forward to hearing from you.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Faith Bradley recovering at home from a fall

Kevin Brandon following the death of his brother, David

Michael Bryant, Gayle Petty Johnson's cousin by marriage, having his fifth surgery in the past nine months for tongue cancer. Also his wife Anne who needs strength to help him. They are members of First Pres Ft Worth.

Jane Collins fractured hip at Givens Highland Farms Health Care Center

Jim Davies in rehab at Mountain Ridge Wellness

Gay Ferguson recovering at home from a fall on the ice

Judy Hollins following the death of her mother, Dorothy Allen

Gayle Petty Johnson's daughter, Rev Shannan Vance-Ocampo, Executive Presbyter of S New England, and the congregation of **Martin Luther King Presbyterian Church** in Springfield, Mass., victims of suspected arson of their church

Family and friends of Stratton Peacock, who died on December 27

Family and friends of Margie Tyas, who died on December 27

Our PC(USA) Mission Co-workers: **John McCall** in Taiwan; **Dan & Elizabeth Turk** in Madagascar; **Gary & Marlene Van Brocklin** in South Asia. Outreach Foundation: **Frank Dimmock**
Seminary Student: **Emily Beaver**, Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia

Our partner Presbytery and partner church, **Ebenezer, in Guatemala**
The situation in Guatemala is very difficult with COVID-19. It seems that our Ebenezer church members are healthy, but many are not able to work and it is not easy to get food.

Please remember in prayer these people with ongoing concerns:

Martha Jean Alvis, Daisy Buckner, Chad Carlton, Jane Collins, Jim Davies, Doris Hogle, Becky Hughes, Barbara Jenkins, Mary McElrath, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Renee & Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, Richard Speegle, Ann Weeks, Paul Willison



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O Lord, We want you to comfort us and reassure us.

Indeed, we need comfort and reassurance in these difficult times.

But Your word also contains judgment and a call to repentance.

Help us to open ourselves to Your call and to participate in building Your kingdom of love and peace.

In Your name we pray, Amen

Prayer composed by Bunny Alexander

Our Church's Vision

Embodying the Love of Christ

Inspiring through Worship and Faith Formation • Nurturing through Fellowship
Equipping to Serve • Welcoming to All

Session

Mike Ballard, *clerk*

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Patti Pyle

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Dave Johnson
Deb Mullis
Bill Straughan

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Susan & Ernie Banzhoff
Kay & Jim Layman
Susan McElrath
Mary & Don McMahill
Martha Jane Petersen
Delores Spielman
Janine & Russ Spiller

Ministers: Every Member Of The Congregation

Mary Katherine Robinson Pastor/Head of Staff
David Carter Florence Associate Pastor for Congregational Faith Formation
Bob Tuttle Parish Associate
Michael Barker Director of Music and Worship Arts
Alice Patton Director of Preschool Ministry
Sam Webber Director of Operations and Youth Ministry
Brittany Williams Director of Congregational Life and Children's Ministry
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